Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

कर-अपवंचन के सम्बन्ध में आयकर विभाग को प्राप्त हुई शिकायतें

279. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान संघ-राज्य क्षेत्र दिल्ली में आयकर अपवंचन के संबंध में आयकर विभाग को कितनी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ?

वित्त मंत्री (प्रो० मधुदण्डवते): आयकर की चोरी के आरोपों के सम्बन्ध में सरकार को विविध स्तरों पर प्राप्त होने वाली शिकायतों पर मुख्यतया आयकर विभाग के जाँच-स्कंध द्वारा कार्यवाही की जाती है। 1987–88, 1988–89 तथा 1989–90 (दिनांक 28 फरवरी, 1990 तक) के वित्त वर्षों के दौरान आयकर निदेशक (जांच), दिल्ली को कर की चोरी के बारे में 2628 याचिकाएं प्राप्त हुई थीं।

Increase in the Equity of Pepsi Project

280. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved the increase in Equity from Rs. 9 crore to Rs. 25 crore in respect of Pepsi Cola Project as per the newsitem in the Business Standard dated the 16th February 1990;

(b) if so what is the justification for such a steep increase in project cost especially when fruit processing has been dropped;

(c) how does Pepsi Project's tomato processing compare with the Nijjar Farm's tie with Punjab Agro proposal for tomato processing; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Nijjar Farms has been exporting tomato seeds to U.S.A.; if so where from Pepsi Foods got the tomato seeds for the Punjab farmers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There are no indications that *Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. have dropped* fruit processing. The reasons given by M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for increasing project cost were as follows:—

(1) The project profile has been substantially enhanced and significantly higher investments are proposed in the core areas of fruit/vegetable and grain processing.

(2) The investments in fixed assets such as land, equipment plant and machinery and supporting infrastructural and ancillary facilities would be at higher levels.

(3) Since 1986 when the project was mooted inflationary pressures have increased the cost substantially.

(4) As part of the export programme they have proposed additional investment in product development.

(5) There has been significant devaluation of Indian rupee which would also substantially inflat the project cost in rupee terms.

(c) The cost of Pepsi for tomato processing project has been indicated as Rs. 16.54 crores whereas the project of Nijjar Farm's tie with Punjab Agro for tomato processing is estimated to cost Rs. 10.74 crores.

(d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Processing of only tomatoes by Pepsi

281. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pepsi Project is not going to process fruits (oranges pears apples etc.) and would process only tomatoes.

(b) what are the reasons for not processing the fruits; and

(c) what are the items they are going to export to meet their export commitment and the approximate value of each item ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation were granted a letter of intent on 19th/29th September 1988 (subsequently transferred to M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd.) for manufacture of, among other things, 12,000 tonnes of processed fruits and vegetables. The information sought for will be ascertained from M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. and to the extent information is available, it will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) One of the conditions of the letter of intent granted to M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited is that the project shall export 50% of their total turnover each year for a period of 10 years from the commencement of commercial production of which 40% will be from the company's own manufactured products and 10% from Select List products manufcatured by others. The foreign exchange inflow shall not be less than 5 times the foreign exchange out-flow of the project during the said 10-year period.

धागे (सूत) के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

282. **चौधरी हरि सिंह** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सभी प्रकार के सूती धागों के मूल्यों में काफी वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सूती धागे के मूल्यों में कमी लाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या उपाय किए जा रहे हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सूती धागे के मूल्यों में अत्यधिक वृद्धि से हथकरघा बुनकरों पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है ?

वस्त्र मंत्री और साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव) : (क) जी हां। फिर भी पूर्व महीनों में सूती हैंक यार्न की कीमतें काफी वृद्धि होने के बाद अगस्त, 1989 से लगभग स्थिर हो गई।

(ख) हैंक यार्न की कीमतों में वृद्धि के रोकने के लिए सरकार ने निम्नलिखित उपाय लागू किए हैं :—

(1) हथकरघा बुनकरों को मिल गेट कीमतों पर यार्न की सप्लाई के लिए राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा विकास निगम के जरिए यार्न डिपो की स्थापना ;

(2) वस्त्र आयुक्त की अध्यक्षता में हैंक यार्न कीमत मानीटरिंग समिति की स्थापना ; और

(3) समुचित दरों पर सहकारी/राज्य क्षेत्र की मिलों की यार्न कीमतें निर्धारित करने के लिए यार्न कीमत निर्धारण